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Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Untied Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration which was issued on 5 July 1996 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning the recent Arusha Summit on Burundi.

I would be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 43 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration by the Presidency dated 5 July 1996 on behalf of the European Union concerning the Arusha Summit on Burundi

1. Recalling its declaration of 20 June 1996 (A/51/173-S/1996/469), the European Union congratulates President Mkapa on the organization of the Arusha Regional Summit, which has produced constructive proposals on the conflict in Burundi. It expresses appreciation of the untiring efforts of former President Nyerere and reiterates its support for his peace initiative.

2. The European Union encourages the region's heads of State and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to commit themselves resolutely to supporting and giving substance to the Arusha recommendations and to contribute to the restoration of security in Burundi.

3. The European Union expects the President and the Prime Minister of Burundi to fulfil the undertakings they gave at the Summit to overcome the crisis in Burundi and, with the help of the countries of the region, to put an end to the violence which is destroying the people of Burundi.

4. The European Union calls upon all the political forces of Burundi to seek a political solution and to give a favourable reception to regional initiatives to restore peace to their country. It calls the attention of all parties to the conflict in Burundi to the fact that it condemns all forms of violence and that it will not recognize a Government that has taken power by force of arms. Only peace, a peace consolidated at the regional level, can guarantee the security of all and lay the foundations for economic and social development.

5. The European Union is prepared to support the realization of the Arusha objectives with a view to restoring peace and security in Burundi. It reiterates its readiness to help Burundi in its economic and social recovery when political and security conditions make it possible to begin its rehabilitation.

6. The European Union reiterates the need to convene the Conference on Peace, Security and Stability in the Great Lakes Region under the joint aegis of the United Nations and OAU.